GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY ON HELICOPTER SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has been requesting the Union Government from time to time to provide subsidy for the helicopter services being run by the State to provide aid to people in times of natural disasters and medical emergencies;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon alongwith the reasons for keeping the said request pending for a long time; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. In response to the request of State Govt., the Government has approved waiver of Passenger Service Fee (PSF) at Bhunter Airport in respect of local tribal of Himachal Pradesh, who travel by helicopter during heavy snow fall.